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Administrator ad prosequendum of the  
ESTATE of MAXX WENDELL, deceased  
and/or successor-in-interest to MAX  
WENDELL, deceased; and LISA WENDELL,  
for herself,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON; CENTOCOR, INC.;  
ABBOTT LABORATORIES; SMITHKLINE  
BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE;  
TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA; GATE  
PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA  
PHARMACEUTICALS, USA; and PAR  
PHARMACEUTICAL,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Case No. 09-cv-3273-JAP-TJB

Hon. Joel A. Pisano, U.S.D.J.

Hon. Tonianne J. Bongiovanni, U.S.M.J.

**CERTIFICATION OF ANNE M.  
PATTERSON IN SUPPORT OF MOTION  
BY DEFENDANTS TO DISMISS, OR IN  
THE ALTERNATIVE, TO TRANSFER**

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I, ANNE M. PATTERSON, of full age, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law of the State of New Jersey and a member of  
the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP, counsel of record for  
defendant Abbott Laboratories.

2. I make this Certification in support of the Joint Motion of Defendants Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson, Centocor Ortho Biotech, Inc., GlaxoSmithKline LLC f/k/a SmithKline Beecham Corporation (identified in the Complaint as SmithKline Beecham d/b/a GlaxoSmithKline), Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and its division Gate Pharmaceuticals, and Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. (together, "Defendants") for an Order dismissing this case under the federal comity doctrine, or in the alternative, transferring this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404, to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true copy of the Complaint for Damages in Wendell v. Johnson & Johnson et al., Cse No. CGC-09-490051 (Sup. Ct. Cal.).

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true copy of the First Amended Complaint and Jury Demand in Wendell v. Johnson & Johnson et al., Civil Action No. 09-04124 (CW), U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true copy of the docket sheet in Wendell v. Johnson & Johnson et al., Cse No. CGC-09-490051 (Sup. Ct. Cal.), generated on April 16, 2010.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true copy of the docket sheet in Wendell v. Johnson & Johnson et al., Civil Action No. 09-04124 (CW), U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, generated on April 20, 2010.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true copy of a letter dated March 1, 2010 from Kevin Haverty, Esq. to William A. Hanssen, Esq.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true copy of a letter dated March 11, 2010 from Kevin Haverty, Esq. to William A. Hanssen, Esq.

9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true copy of a letter dated March 10, 2010 from William A. Hanssen, Esq. to Kevin Haverty, Esq.

10. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true copy of Plaintiffs' Initial Disclosures in Wendell v. Johnson & Johnson et al., Civil Action No. 09-04124 (CW), U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

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STEPHEN WENDELL and LISA  
WENDELL, for themselves and as  
successors in interest to MAX WENDELL,  
deceased,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON; CENTOCOR,  
INC; ABBOTT LABORATORIES;  
SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a/  
GLAXOSMITHKLINE; TEVA  
PHARMACEUTICALS USA; GATE  
PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of  
TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA; PAR  
PHARMACEUTICALS; MYLAN  
LABORATORIES, INC.; BOEHRINGER  
INGELHEIM CORPORATION;  
BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE,  
INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
INGELHEIM CORPORATION;  
ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a  
Subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
INGELHEIM CORPORATION; and  
DOES 1 through 150 inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. **CGC-09-490051**

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

1. **Fraud & Deceit**
2. **Negligence, Recklessness & Gross Negligence**
3. **Negligent Misrepresentation**
4. **Negligence**
5. **Negligence Per Se**
6. **Strict Liability—Failure To Warn**
7. **Breach Of Implied Warranty Of Merchantability**
8. **Breach Of Express Warranty**
9. **Violation Of Business And Professions Code Sections 17200, Et Seq.**
10. **Wrongful Death**

**DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

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COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. This action arises from the product liability of Defendants for their drug products which plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL, deceased, consumed and thereby suffered personal injury and death. Plaintiffs STEPHEN WENDELL and LISA WENDELL, the natural parents of MAXX WENDELL, deceased, seek damages for themselves and on behalf of their son arising out of the injury and death of their MAXX WENDELL, deceased. Plaintiffs are adult persons who are citizen of the United States and residents of Novato, California. At all times relevant hereto, the term "Plaintiffs," unless otherwise denoted, shall include MAXX WENDELL, deceased, by and through his successors in interest, his parents, STEPHEN WENDELL, and LISA WENDELL, for herself.

2. MAXX WENDELL, deceased was variously prescribed Defendants' drug products Remicade® (infliximab) and Humira® (adalimumab) in combination with Purinethol® (mercaptopurine or 6-MP) for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and ulcerative colitis (UC) first diagnosed when he was 12 years old. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the medications administered to MAXX WENDELL, were researched, designed, formulated, compounded, tested, manufactured, produced, processed, assembled, inspected, distributed, marketed, labeled, promoted, packaged, advertised for sale, placed in the stream of commerce, and sold or otherwise provided to Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL, by Defendants, JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or DOES 1 through 150, inclusive, administered, distributed, recommended, and prescribed said medication to Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL. This action seeks, *inter alia*, general, special and punitive damages for the injuries suffered by MAXX

1 WENDELL, deceased and his parents STEPHEN WENDELL and LISA WENDELL arising  
2 from the injuries and death of MAXX WENDELL, deceased.

3 3. Plaintiffs do not know the true names and identities of those Defendants  
4 designated as DOES 1 through 150, inclusive, but allege that each of said fictitiously name  
5 Defendants was negligently and unlawfully responsible for the events herein described, and for  
6 the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiffs and each of them and Plaintiffs, will ask leave of  
7 court to amend this complaint when the identity of each such fictitiously named defendant has  
8 been ascertained.

9 4. Plaintiffs' injuries proximately resulted from the wrongful, reckless, and  
10 negligent acts and omissions, and fraudulent misrepresentations of Defendants and/or each of  
11 them, all of which occurred within the venue of this court.

12 5. At all times relevant to this action, the term "Defendants" includes all  
13 Defendants unless otherwise noted, including but not limited to JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or  
14 CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE BEECHAM  
15 d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE  
16 PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR  
17 PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER  
18 INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a  
19 subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or ROXANE  
20 LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and  
21 DOES 1 through 150, inclusive.

22 6. At all times relevant to this action, each of the Defendants, including  
23 Does 1 through 150, was the officer, director, agent, servant, partner, manager, aider and abettor,  
24 employee or employer, parent or subsidiary corporation, co-conspirator and/or joint venturer of  
25 each of the other Defendants herein and were at all times operating and acting within the purpose  
26 and scope of said corporation, agency, employment, service, partnership, conspiracy and/or joint  
27 venture and ratified, condoned, and continued each others conduct and rendered substantial  
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1 assistance and encouragement to the other Defendants, that their conduct constituted a breach of  
2 duty.

3           7. There exists and, at all times herein mentioned, there existed a unity of  
4 interest in ownership between certain Defendants and other certain Defendants such that any  
5 individuality and separateness between the certain Defendants has ceased and these Defendants  
6 are the alter ego of the other certain Defendants and exerted control over those Defendants.  
7 Adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of these certain Defendants as an entity distinct  
8 from other certain Defendants will permit an abuse of the corporate privilege and would sanction  
9 a fraud and/or would promote injustice.

10           8. At all times herein mentioned the Defendants, and each of them were  
11 engaged in the business of or were successors in interest to, entities engaged in the business of  
12 researching, designing, formulating, compounding, testing, manufacturing, producing, processing,  
13 assembling, inspecting, distributing, marketing, labeling, promoting, packaging, prescribing  
14 and/or advertising for sale, and selling of the drugs for use and ingestion by Plaintiff, MAXX  
15 WENDELL, deceased and which actually were used and ingested by Plaintiff MAXX  
16 WENDELL.

17           9. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants and each of them, were  
18 authorized to do business within the state of California and did in fact supply, compound,  
19 distribute, formulate, prescribe and sell the aforementioned products and medications within the  
20 state of California. All events giving rise to this cause of action occurred in the County of San  
21 Francisco, State of California.

22           10. At all times herein mentioned, the officers and/or directors of the corporate  
23 Defendants named herein participated in, authorized, ratified, condoned, and directed the  
24 production and promotion of the aforementioned products and administration of narcotic  
25 medications when they knew or with the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have  
26 known, of the hazards and dangerous propensities of said products and thereby actively  
27 participated in the tortuous conduct which resulted in the injuries suffered by Plaintiffs and each  
28 of them.



**PLAINTIFFS**

11. The events giving rise to this cause of action occurred in the County of San Francisco, State of California.

12. Plaintiffs Stephen and Lisa Wendell are and at all times herein were residents of the County of Marin, State of California and sue individually and as successors in interest, qualifying heirs and wrongful death claimants, pursuant to CCP §§ 377.30 and 377.60.

13. That Plaintiffs and each of them do not know the true names and identities of those Defendants designated as DOES 1 through 150, inclusive, but allege that each of said fictitiously-named Defendants, either separately or in combination with each other or the other named Defendants, negligently and unlawfully were responsible for the events hereinafter described, and for the injuries and damages sustained by Plaintiffs and each of them and Plaintiffs will ask leave of court to amend this allegation when the identity of each said fictitiously named Defendants has been ascertained.

14. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, DOES 101 through 150, inclusive, were and are product providers and/or manufacturers, or in some way in the stream of commerce relative to the defective and unsafe drug which caused or contributed to Plaintiff's, MAXX WENDELL's, injuries.

15. Defendants, JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and DOES 1 through, inclusive. Defendants, and each of them, failed to inform, monitor, examine, and/or warn Plaintiffs of the serious side effects associated with the use of their drugs either singly or in combination.

1                   16. In mid-July, 2007, MAXX WENDELL, deceased, developed and was  
2 diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma. This rare cancer has  
3 been associated with the use of Defendants' products singly and/or in combination. Plaintiffs  
4 were never properly warned, properly examined or monitored by Defendants JOHNSON &  
5 JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or  
6 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA  
7 PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA  
8 PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN  
9 LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or  
10 BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
11 CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
12 INGELHEIM CORPORATION and DOES 1 through 150, inclusive and Defendants and each of  
13 them never informed Plaintiffs of the adverse side effects of the development of hepatosplenic  
14 T-cell lymphoma involved in the use of their products either singly or in combination, nor did  
15 Defendants and each of them take the proper steps to protect Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL, from  
16 developing or preventing the further onset of hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, such as medical  
17 monitoring, analysis and examination, independent study, discontinuation, and administering  
18 alternative and safer blood treatments and medications.

19                   17. MAXX WENDELL'S diagnosis of hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, from  
20 which he ultimately died, was the result of his ingestion of defective drug(s) for an extended  
21 period of time. Defendants and each of them failed to warn, monitor, examine or properly  
22 administer a safer alternative treatment, as a proximate result of which the drug(s) sold,  
23 distributed, formulated, manufactured, labeled, endorsed, and prescribed by Defendants were  
24 defective.

25                   18. This action arises out of, *inter alia*, Defendants' willing, knowing, and  
26 intentional concealment of the serious health risks associated with the use of their drugs either  
27 singly or in combination and Defendants' intentional failure to adequately and appropriately warn  
28 any and all persons who prescribed Defendants' product, including but not limited to any and all

1 physicians, of the known, and/or reasonably knowable, serious and permanent risks of harm  
2 associated with the use of their drugs either singly or in combination.

3 **DEFENDANTS**

4 19. At all times material hereto defendant JOHNSON & JOHNSON was a  
5 corporation or other business entity with its principal place of business in the City of New  
6 Brunswick, State of Jersey and is the parent corporation of defendant CENTOCOR, a wholly-  
7 owned subsidiary of JOHNSON & JOHNSON and was involved in the discovery and/or design  
8 and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or  
9 compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in  
10 placing in the stream of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical infliximab sold under the  
11 brand name Remicade®. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be  
12 licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and distribute  
13 medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in  
14 such activity in and within the State of California.

15 20. At all times material hereto, defendant CENTOCOR, INC. was a  
16 corporation or other business entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of defendant JOHNSON &  
17 JOHNSON with its principal place of business in Malvern, Pennsylvania and was involved in the  
18 discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging  
19 and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was  
20 otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical  
21 infliximab sold under the brand name Remicade®. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company  
22 believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise,  
23 sell and distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is  
24 actively engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

25 21. At all times material hereto defendant ABBOTT LABORATORIES is a  
26 corporation or other business entity with its principal place of business in North Chicago, Illinois  
27 and was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or  
28 testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or

1 distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the  
2 prescription pharmaceutical adalimumab sold under the brand name Humira®. Said Defendant is  
3 a pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the  
4 State of California to advertise, sell and distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX  
5 WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

6           22. At all times material hereto defendant SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a  
7 GLAXOSMITHKLINE was a corporation or other business entity with its principal place of  
8 business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or  
9 assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or  
10 compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in  
11 placing in the stream of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical mercaptopurine sold under the  
12 brand name Purinethol®. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to  
13 be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and distribute  
14 medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in  
15 such activity in and within the State of California.

16           23. At all times material hereto defendant TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS  
17 USA was a corporation or other business entity with its principal place of business in Horsham,  
18 Pennsylvania and was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or  
19 manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or  
20 marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream  
21 of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical mercaptopurine sold under the brand name  
22 Purinethol®. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or  
23 otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and distribute medications to  
24 ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in such activity in  
25 and within the State of California.

26           24. At all times material hereto defendant GATE PHARMACEUTICALS was  
27 a corporation or other business entity and a division and/or subsidiary of TEVA  
28 PHARMACEUTICALS USA with its principal place of business in Horsham, Pennsylvania and

1 was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing  
2 and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution  
3 and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the prescription  
4 pharmaceutical mercaptopurine sold under the brand name Purinethol®. Said Defendant is a  
5 pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State  
6 of California to advertise, sell and distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX  
7 WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

8           25. At all times material hereto defendant PAR PHARMACEUTICALS was a  
9 corporation or other business entity with its principal place of business in Woodcliff Lake, New  
10 Jersey and was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture  
11 and/or testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or  
12 distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the  
13 prescription pharmaceutical mercaptopurine. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company  
14 believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise,  
15 sell and distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is  
16 actively engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

17           26. At all times material hereto defendant MYLAN LABORATORIES was a  
18 corporation or other business entity headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was involved  
19 in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or  
20 packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale  
21 and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the prescription  
22 pharmaceutical mercaptopurine. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by  
23 Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and  
24 distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively  
25 engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

26           27. At all times material hereto defendant BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
27 CORPORATION was a corporation or other business entity with its principal place of business in  
28 Ridgefield, Connecticut and was involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or

1 manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or  
2 marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream  
3 of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical mercaptopurine. Said Defendant is a  
4 pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State  
5 of California to advertise, sell and distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX  
6 WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

7           28. At all times material hereto defendant BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
8 ROXANE INC., was a corporation or other business entity and a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
9 INGELHEIM CORPORATION with its principal place of business in Columbus, Ohio and was  
10 involved in the discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or  
11 packaging and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale  
12 and/or was otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the prescription  
13 pharmaceutical mercaptopurine. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by  
14 Plaintiffs to be licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and  
15 distribute medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively  
16 engaged in such activity in and within the State of California.

17           29. At all times material hereto defendant ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC.,  
18 was a corporation or other business entity and a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
19 CORPORATION with its principal place of business in Columbus, Ohio and was involved in the  
20 discovery and/or design and/or assembly and/or manufacture and/or testing and/or packaging  
21 and/or labeling and/or compounding and/or marketing and/or distribution and/or sale and/or was  
22 otherwise involved in placing in the stream of commerce the prescription pharmaceutical  
23 mercaptopurine. Said Defendant is a pharmaceutical company believed by Plaintiffs to be  
24 licensed or otherwise authorized in the State of California to advertise, sell and distribute  
25 medications to ultimate consumers like MAXX WENDELL and was and is actively engaged in  
26 such activity in and within the State of California.

27           30. At all times herein mentioned the Defendants, and each of them were  
28 engaged in the business of or were successors in interest to, entities engaged in the business of



1 researching, designing, formulating, compounding, testing, manufacturing, producing, processing,  
 2 assembling, inspecting, distributing marketing, labeling, promoting, packaging, prescribing  
 3 and/or advertising for sale, and selling their pharmaceutical products for the use and ingestion by  
 4 people like MAXX WENDELL.

5 31. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants and each of them, were  
 6 authorized to do business within the State of California and did in fact supply and sell the  
 7 aforementioned drugs within the State of California. All events giving rise to this cause of action  
 8 occurred in the County of San Francisco, State of California.

9 32. At all times herein mentioned, the officers and/or directors of the corporate  
 10 Defendants named herein participated in, authorized and/or directed the production and  
 11 promotion of the aforementioned products when they knew or with the exercise of reasonably  
 12 care should have known, of the hazards and dangerous propensities of said products and thereby  
 13 actively participated in the tortious conduct which resulted in the physical injuries and other  
 14 damages suffered by Plaintiffs.

15 33. Upon information and belief, Plaintiffs, allege that Defendants DOES 1  
 16 through 50 are corporations, partnerships, businesses, persons, agents, joint venturers, employees  
 17 of businesses, or operators engaged in manufacturing, supplying, formulating, distributing,  
 18 marketing, and selling of the drug products herein identified, at all times relevant to Plaintiffs and  
 19 were authorized to and did conduct business within the state of California.

20 34. Plaintiffs allege that the corporate form of the defendant corporations,  
 21 JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or  
 22 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA  
 23 PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA  
 24 PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN  
 25 LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or  
 26 BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
 27 CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
 28 INGELHEIM CORPORATION and DOES 1 through 150, was a sham and should be disregarded

1 because their corporate form was a mere shell, instrumentality, and conduit used as an unfair  
2 device to achieve an inequitable result and adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of the  
3 corporations would sanction a fraud or promote an injustice. Particularly, the corporate fiction  
4 has been used by the defendant corporations as a sham to perpetrate a fraud for the direct personal  
5 benefit of JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT  
6 LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or  
7 TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA  
8 PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN  
9 LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or  
10 BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM  
11 CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER  
12 INGELHEIM CORPORATION and DOES 1 through 150.

13 35. Plaintiffs allege and will show that each of the defendant corporations was  
14 owned, managed, and operated as the alter ego of the other and each is the alter ego for the other  
15 with respect to the ownership, management, and operation of the operations and facilities  
16 described above and the wrongful conduct which is the subject of this action. All of the wholly-  
17 owned subsidiaries were organized and operated as a mere shell, instrumentality, and conduit of  
18 the parent corporate defendant. There was such unity between the parent corporation and all of  
19 the wholly-owned subsidiaries that any individuality or separateness of the subsidiaries never  
20 existed or ceased to exist because of the unity of the interest and ownership between subsidiary  
21 and parent corporations.

22 36. The following facts regarding the operations of the corporate Defendants  
23 support disregard of the corporate fiction: (1) corporate formalities for all of the wholly-owned  
24 subsidiaries were ignored and were not observed; (2) property was not kept separate and apart  
25 between the parent corporation and the wholly-owned subsidiaries, which made direct deposits  
26 into bank accounts controlled by the parent corporation on a regular basis that were consolidated  
27 into the parent's deposit accounts; (3) the parent at all times maintained 100% financial interest in  
28 all subsidiaries and maintained control over the subsidiaries on an operational basis both by



1 appointing the chief operation officer of each subsidiary and by top\down management; (4) the  
2 subsidiaries are used or established for the business purposes of the parent, and are the means by  
3 which the parent corporation conducted its business; and (5) the subsidiary facilities were not  
4 reasonably capitalized in light of the nature and risk of their business.

5           37. Additionally, Plaintiffs allege that at all relevant times, the defendant  
6 corporations have operated as a single business enterprise to achieve a common business purpose.  
7 Defendant parent corporations and their wholly-owned subsidiaries were not operated as separate  
8 and individual entities, but rather integrated and commingled their resources to achieve a  
9 common business purpose and conducted their operations as follows: (1) a single and common  
10 board of directors and the same members existed between the parent and subsidiaries; (2) the  
11 same centralized and consolidated accounting and financial reporting was used by both the parent  
12 and the subsidiaries for both internal purposes and external purposes such as for the Internal  
13 Revenue Services and annual financial reports; (3) the parent corporation paid the wages of all  
14 employees, agents, and representatives of the subsidiary facilities; (4) there was a common  
15 business name used throughout the parent and subsidiaries—all subsidiaries had a version of the  
16 parent corporations name in their names; (5) there were many “corporate” departments at the  
17 subsidiary level that rendered services on behalf of the parent Corporation; and (6) the parent  
18 corporations’ capital and credit lines are and were used to fund and operate the subsidiaries were  
19 solely that of the parent.

20           38. All of the subsidiaries of the parent corporations were established simply as  
21 shells, instrumentalities, and conduits through which the parent conducted its business, and  
22 therefore, the corporate fiction must be disregarded to prevent fraud or injustice. Each constituent  
23 corporation may be held liable for the obligations incurred by the other component entities since  
24 these Defendants operated as a single business enterprise to achieve a common business purpose.

25           39. The parent corporation intentionally operated all subsidiaries in a manner  
26 that left the subsidiaries without assets sufficient to satisfy the claims of the Plaintiffs, and other  
27 claimants by taking complete control and possession of the subsidiaries’ revenues and receivables  
28 as soon as they were received or accrued. All monies received as proceeds in the sales of

1 products by the subsidiary corporation were maintained and received by the parent corporation to  
2 fund its own operations and were not maintained at the subsidiary level.

3 40. The true names, capacities, and/or relationships, whether individual,  
4 corporate, joint venture, partnership, employee/employer, agent/principal, or otherwise, of  
5 DOES 1 through 150, inclusive, and each of them, are and were unknown to the Plaintiffs, at the  
6 time of filing of this complaint and Plaintiffs, therefore, sue said Defendants, and each of them,  
7 by said fictitious names and will ask leave of the court to amend this complaint to show the true  
8 names, capacities, and/or relationships when the same have been ascertained and, therefore,  
9 alleges that all of said fictitiously-named Defendants were the principals, agents, joint ventures,  
10 co-conspirators, employers, employees, and/or partners of each and the other and as such are  
11 either joint tortfeasors and/or jointly and severally liable and legally responsible in some manner  
12 for the events and happenings herein, and proximately caused the injuries and damages to  
13 Plaintiffs and each of them, as set forth herein.

14 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

15 41. Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL, deceased, was diagnosed with hepatosplenic  
16 T-cell lymphoma in mid-July, 2007 and died from his disease in December, 2007. From the time  
17 of his diagnosis until his death, he was required to undergo lengthy and painful examinations,  
18 treatments, testing and other diagnostic and therapeutic modalities in an ultimately unsuccessful  
19 effort to cure or alleviate his disease.

20 42. Plaintiffs STEPHEN and LISA WENDELL, the natural parents of MAXX  
21 WENDELL, deceased, incurred substantial economic damages in a effort to obtain a cure for  
22 their son or alleviate his suffering and otherwise sustained damages compensable under the laws  
23 of this State resulting from their son's injuries and ultimate death.

24 43. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants and each of them knew, or should have  
25 known, that their intentional, knowing, and willful failure to properly warn Plaintiffs of the  
26 adverse side effects known or knowable by Defendants to be associated with the use of their  
27 drugs singly or in combination resulted in MAXX WENDELL being exposed to a dangerous and  
28 defective product(s) which caused him seriously bodily injury from which he ultimately died.

## THE DRUGS

### I. REMICADE®

44. Remicade® is a chimeric IgG1x monoclonal antibody which neutralizes the biological activity of tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNFα) by preferentially binding with TNFα receptors thereby inhibiting TNFα from binding with its receptors. Elevated concentrations of TNFα have been found in involved tissues and fluids of patients with autoimmune disorders like rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis and plaque psoriasis. The drug was first approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration in 1998 for

a. in combination with methotrexate, for reducing the signs and symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to methotrexate;

b. the reduction in signs and symptoms of Crohn's disease in patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy; and

c. the reduction in the number of draining enterocutaneous fistulas in patients with fistualizing Crohn's disease.

45. At the time of its approval, the safety and efficacy of Remicade® in patients with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and pediatric patients with Crohn's disease had not been established. Moreover, at the time of its approval, the safety and efficacy of Remicade® therapy for the treatment of Crohn's disease beyond a single dose had not been established nor had the safety and efficacy of Remicade® therapy in the treatment of fistualizing Crohn's disease beyond three doses been established.

46. In or about September, 2005, Remicade® received an additional indication for treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adults based upon a 30 week study in which the treatment group received a 5 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg dose at weeks 0, 2, 6, 14 and 22. The safety and efficacy of the drug in the treatment of patients with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and pediatric Crohn's disease, however, was still not established.

1                   47. In February, 2005 Thayu, *et al.* reported a case of hepatosplenic T-cell  
2 lymphoma in an adolescent patient after therapy with an immunomodulator (mercaptopurine) and  
3 infliximab in the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology.

4                   48. In or about May, 2006, the FDA approved an additional indication for  
5 Remicade® for the treatment of active pediatric Crohn's disease based upon 54 week-long open-  
6 label clinical trial involving 112 children between the ages of 6 and 17 with moderately to  
7 severely active Crohn's disease and an inadequate response to conventional therapies. All  
8 patients in the study received doses of 5 mg/kg in weeks 0, 2 and 6. At week ten, 103 patients  
9 were randomized to a maintenance regimen of 5 mg/kg given at either 8 or 12 week intervals.  
10 For admission to this clinical trial, the patients were also required to be on a stable dose of  
11 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine or methotrexate. The safety or effectiveness of longer term use (>  
12 1 year) of Remicade® for pediatric Crohn's disease nor the safety and effectiveness of the use of  
13 Remicade® use at all for the treatment of pediatric ulcerative colitis had not been established.

14                   49. At the time of approval, the FDA also required the addition of a black box  
15 warning to the label to report six (6) post-marketing cases of hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma in  
16 pediatric patients or young adults taking Remicade® concomitantly with either azathioprine or  
17 mercaptopurine for Crohn's disease. Exposure was between 1 or 2 infusions up to four years of  
18 treatment. Five of the six cases the patients were between the ages of 12 and 19 and four of the  
19 cases were male.

## 20       II. HUMIRA®

21                   50. Humira®, like Remicade®, is a TNF blocker described as a recombinant  
22 human IgG1 monoclonal antibody specific for human tumor necrosis factor. According to its  
23 label, it specifically binds to TNF $\alpha$  and blocks the p55 and p75 cell surface TNF receptors.

24                   51. Humira® was approved by the FDA in 2002 for reducing signs and  
25 symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage in adult patients with moderately to  
26 severely active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to one or more disease-  
27 modifying anti-rheumatic drugs.

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1                   52. It was not until late February, 2007 that Humira® received an indication for  
2 the treatment of Crohn's disease.

3                   53. While the Humira® label noted that "in the controlled portions of clinical  
4 trials of all the TNF-blocking agents, more cases of lymphoma have been observed among  
5 patients receiving TNF blockers compared to control patients," and that the observed rate when  
6 the controlled and uncontrolled open-label portions of the clinical trials were combined was as  
7 much as 3.5 fold higher than expected in the general population, it also states that "rates in  
8 clinical trials for Humira® cannot be compared to rates of clinical trials of other TNF blockers and  
9 may not predict the rates observed in a broader patient population."

10                  54. In June, 2008, the FDA issued an "Early Communication about an  
11 Ongoing Safety Review of Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blockers (marketed as Remicade,  
12 Embrel, Humira, and Cimzia)." In that "Early Communication" the FDA reported that it was  
13 "investigating approximately 30 reports of cancer in children and young adults . . . [which] were  
14 submitted to FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System over a ten-year period beginning in 1998  
15 after approval of the first TNF blocker and extending through April 29, 2008." According to the  
16 FDA, "[t]hese reports described cancer occurring in young adults who began taking TNF blockers  
17 (along with other immuno-suppressive medicines such as methotrexate, azathiopine or  
18 6-mercaptopurine), when they were ages 18 or less, to treat Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA),  
19 Crohn's disease or other diseases."

20 **III. MERCAPTOPURINE (Purinethol®)**

21                  55. Mercaptopurine (also known as 6-mercaptopurine or 6-MP) is a purine  
22 analog which interferes with nucleic acid biosynthesis and has been found to be active against  
23 human leukemias. Its only FDA-approved indication is for remission induction and maintenance  
24 therapy of acute lymphatic leukemia.

25                  56. For many years—at least since the 1990's if not earlier—mercaptopurine  
26 has been commonly used off-label in the treatment of autoimmune disorders like Crohn's disease,  
27 inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and rheumatoid arthritis, among others. Such use was  
28 common and known to the Defendants herein.

1           57. Following the approval of Remicade® in 1998 for treatment of rheumatoid  
2 arthritis and Crohn's disease in adults, it became common practice to prescribe mercaptopurine in  
3 combination concomitantly with TNF-blockers like Remicade® or Humira® in the treatment of  
4 autoimmune disorders. Such use—which was not approved by the FDA—was not only known to  
5 Defendants herein but encouraged and/or promoted and/or fostered and/or otherwise enabled by  
6 Defendants herein and each of them without adequate testing on the safety and/or efficacy of such  
7 combination use or in the pediatric or young adult populations.

8                                   **MAXX WENDELL'S HISTORY**

9           58. Maxx Wendell was born on August 20, 1986 in California.

10          59. In or about September of 1998 at the age of 12, he was diagnosed with  
11 inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and ulcerative colitis (UC). Initially he was treated with a  
12 course of mercaptopurine (6-MP) and prednisone, a steroid.

13          60. In or about May, 2002 his treating gastroenterologist recommended adding  
14 Remicade® to the regimen with a course of steroid weaning.

15          61. In or about June or July of 2002, Maxx Wendell received his first dose of  
16 Remicade®. His treating gastroenterologist continued him on 6-MP while attempting to wean  
17 him from steroids.

18          62. He continued to receive Remicade® at various intervals through 2006, all  
19 the while continuing to take 6-MP.

20          63. In or about November, 2006 his treatment regimen was modified by the  
21 inclusion of Humira® in place of Remicade®. He continued to take 6-MP as well. He received at  
22 least 5 doses of Humira® between November, 2006 and June, 2007.

23          64. In mid-July, 2007 Maxx Wendell was diagnosed with hepatosplenic T-cell  
24 lymphoma.

25          65. Despite aggressive chemotherapy and other treatments, he succumbed to  
26 his disease five months later on December 19, 2007.

27          66. Despite Defendants' foregoing knowledge of the potential damage to the  
28 health and welfare of the users of their drugs when used either singly or in combination,

1 Defendants willingly, knowingly and intentionally failed to timely and adequately warn any and  
2 all American physicians who prescribed Defendants' products, about the risk of harm associated  
3 with the use of Defendants' products when used either singly or in combination.

4 67. Had the labels on Defendants' products properly warned about the risk of  
5 harm associated with the use of Defendants' products when used either singly or in combination,  
6 MAXX WENDELL and/or his parents Plaintiffs STEPHEN and LISA WENDELL and any other  
7 reasonable persons in their position, would have been allowed the opportunity to provide his  
8 informed consent to use or not to use the product, in the manner in which it was prescribed and  
9 administered. MAXX WENDELL would not have suffered the development of hepatosplenic  
10 T-cell lymphoma and the emotional, physical and financial injuries he and his parents Plaintiffs  
11 STEPHEN WENDELL and LISA WENDELL suffered, but for the lack of proper and adequate  
12 warnings provided by Defendants in the United States.

13 68. Defendants, and each of them, knew, or should have known, from multiple  
14 adverse event reports and other sources that their products were unreasonably dangerous.  
15 Defendants, and each of them, failed to, *inter alia*, (1) provide to any and all persons who  
16 prescribed Defendants' products, including but not limited to any and all physicians, or affix to  
17 the product a proper and adequate warning of the safety risks associated with the use of  
18 Defendants' products either singly or in combination, and (2) to implement a monitoring scheme  
19 intended to warn of or avoid the adverse effects of these medications when used singly or in  
20 combination, to the product user.

#### 21 **FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

22 69. Any applicable statutes of limitations have been tolled by the Defendants=  
23 knowing and active concealment and denial of the facts as alleged herein by Plaintiffs. Plaintiff  
24 has been misled and denied access to vital information essential to the pursuit of these claims,  
25 without any fault or lack of diligence on her part. Plaintiff could not reasonably have discovered  
26 the dangerous nature of and unreasonable adverse side effects associated with the use of the use  
27 of Defendants' drug products either singly or in combination, prior to the filing of this Complaint,  
28 at the earliest.



70. Defendants were and are under a continuing duty to disclose the true character, quality, and nature of their drug products either when used singly or in combination, including an accurate account of all risk and all benefits. Because of their active concealment of the true character, quality, nature and risks of their drug products when used either singly or in combination, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statute of limitations defense as a bar to Plaintiff's claim.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**Fraud And Deceit—Fraudulent Misrepresentation And Intentional Concealment**  
**(Against All Defendants)**

71. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1 through 70 as though fully set forth here and further alleges as follows:

72. At all times during which Defendants, JOHNSON & JOHNSON and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or ROXANE LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and DOES 1 through 150 and each of them tested, produced, formulated, manufactured, sold, distributed, marketed, processed, and supplied their drug products and up to the present, Defendants, and each of them, knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and purposefully deceived Plaintiffs by (1) making false and fraudulent misrepresentations to Plaintiffs and the general public including, but not limited to, MAXX WENDELL'S treating physicians, and other American consumers of their drug products, that their drugs used either singly or in combination were safe, fit, and effective for human use; and (2) intentionally concealed from Plaintiffs and the American public and medical community, the true facts known by Defendants concerning the risks of harm associated with the use of their drugs either singly or in combination.



1                   73. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants, JOHNSON & JOHNSON  
2 and/or CENTOCOR, INC. and/or ABBOTT LABORATORIES and/or SMITHKLINE  
3 BEECHAM d/b/a GLAXOSMITHKLINE and/or TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA and/or  
4 GATE PHARMACEUTICALS, a division of TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS, USA and/or PAR  
5 PHARMACEUTICALS and/or MYLAN LABORATORIES, INC. and/or BOEHRINGER  
6 INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM ROXANE, INC., a  
7 subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and/or ROXANE  
8 LABORATORIES, INC., a subsidiary of BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION and  
9 DOES 1 through 150, and each of them, knew that their representations regarding the safety and  
10 efficacy of their drug products when used either singly or in combination were in fact false and  
11 inaccurate. The true and accurate facts knowingly and intentionally concealed by Defendants,  
12 and each of them were, inter alia, the use of their products either singly or in combination for the  
13 treatment of various autoimmune disorders was directly associated with and/or known to cause  
14 cancers, including and particularly hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma. This information regarding  
15 the health risks of HRT was known or knowable by Defendants, and each of them, yet they  
16 knowingly and intentionally concealed this material information from the Plaintiffs herein, the  
17 American medical community, and other patients who were prescribed and used the drug  
18 products manufactured, produced, marketed and sold by Defendants, and each of them, either  
19 singly or in combination for the treatment of various autoimmune disorders.

20                   74. At all times during which Defendants, and each of them, made the above  
21 mentioned fraudulent misrepresentations to and intentional concealment from Plaintiffs and  
22 MAXX WENDELL'S treating physicians, Defendants, and each of them, knew their fraudulent  
23 misrepresentations were false and inaccurate when made. Defendants, and each of them, made  
24 concealed this information and made these fraudulent misrepresentations with the specific intent  
25 to deceive Plaintiffs and induce Plaintiffs to choose their drugs over other safer alternative  
26 medical treatments for MAXX WENDELL's condition.

27                   75. Plaintiffs would not have agreed to the use of Defendants' drug products  
28 either singly or in combination if they were aware and had been informed of the true facts and

1 information concerning the risks of serious harm which were known or should have been known  
2 by Defendants, and each of them, to be associated with the use of their drug products, either  
3 singly or in combination, and the causal nexus between the use of Defendants' products, either  
4 singly or in combination and the aforementioned permanent medical conditions and disorders  
5 from which Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL ultimately suffered.

6           76. Plaintiffs and the prescribing treating physicians herein justifiably and  
7 reasonably relied upon the fraudulent misrepresentations and intentional concealment by  
8 Defendants, and each of them, and their agents and representatives. Plaintiffs, and their treating  
9 and prescribing doctors' reliance upon Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations and intentional  
10 concealment was reasonable, as Plaintiffs, and these physicians did not, at all times during which  
11 plaintiff was prescribed and ingested Defendants' drug products, have the knowledge,  
12 information, or awareness of the facts regarding the adverse health effects of the use of  
13 Defendants' drug products either singly or in combination, necessary to properly evaluate  
14 whether these drugs were safe for use, either singly or in combination in the manner utilized  
15 herein.

16           77. At all times during which MAXX WENDELL was prescribed and ingested  
17 Defendants' drug products, Defendants, and each of them, conducted sales and marketing  
18 campaigns through Defendants' sales agents, to physicians, variously through written pamphlets,  
19 ostensible education seminars for prescribing physicians, and Defendants' internet websites to  
20 promote the sale, distribution and use of their drug products either singly or in combination in the  
21 manner and for the purpose utilized herein, with the intent to willfully and intentionally deceive  
22 Plaintiffs, MAXX WENDELL'S treating physicians, and the general consuming public as to the  
23 health risks and adverse side effects connected to the use of their drug products either singly or in  
24 combination. Defendants' fraudulent representations and intentional concealment were made  
25 directly by Defendants herein to Plaintiffs and/or MAXX WENDELL'S treating and prescribing  
26 physicians via Defendants' sales agents' written materials and brochures, internet website  
27 advertising, publications, literature, product labels, other written materials, and apparent  
28 educational seminars regarding the use of these products either singly or in combination and in

1 the manner utilized herein, directed to Plaintiffs and the relevant treating and prescribing  
2 physicians herein.

3 78. Defendants' fraudulent misrepresentations intentionally were made and  
4 conducted by Defendants' agents and representatives knowingly and willingly and with the intent  
5 to induce MAXX WENDELL and his physicians to use, consume, and ingest and prescribe for  
6 medical treatment of MAXX WENDELL's condition.

7 79. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' and their agents and  
8 representatives, fraudulent and misrepresentations, intentional concealment, and deceitful  
9 conduct, Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL was prescribed and ingested Defendants' drug product(s)  
10 which caused or substantially contributed to his injuries and ultimate death.

11 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
12 **Negligence, Recklessness And Gross Negligence**  
13 **(Against All Defendants)**

14 80. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-alleges paragraphs 1  
15 through 79 as though fully set forth here and further alleges as follows:

16 81. Defendants, and each of them, as pharmaceutical manufacturers,  
17 distributors, and suppliers, had a duty to warn of adverse drug reactions of which they knew, or  
18 had reason to know or were otherwise knowable. Defendants, and all of them, knew, or should  
19 have known, the following:

20 a. That Defendants' drug product(s) either when used singly or in  
21 combination for the treatment of various autoimmune disorders failed to adequately warn of the  
22 danger of cancer and in particular, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma;

23 b. That patients like MAXX WENDELL and other similarly situated  
24 users of Defendants' products used either singly or in combination were at significant risk of  
25 suffering cancer.

26 82. In light of their knowledge of the dangers and risks associated with the use  
27 of their products and drug formulations, either singly or in combination, Defendants, and each of  
28 them, had a duty to: (a) timely and adequately warn any and all persons who prescribed

1 Defendants' product either singly or in combination, including but not limited to, any and all  
 2 physicians, of the known and/or knowable, and/or suspected risks of, inter alia, cancers from the  
 3 use of their products when used either singly or in combination; and (b) timely implement a safer,  
 4 alternative design for its products, *i.e.*, to incorporate a warning prevention system within the  
 5 product and/or to formulate a safer drug combination.

6 83. Defendants, and each of them, committed numerous acts of negligence in  
 7 manufacturing, assembling, packaging, labeling, marketing, distributing, testing and monitoring  
 8 of their drug products, including, but not limited to:

9 a. failing to timely and/or adequately warn any and all persons who  
 10 prescribed Defendants' product, including but not limited to, any and all physicians, of the actual  
 11 and known risk of harm inherent in the use of Defendants' product;

12 b. failing timely to implement a safer alternative product;

13 c. failing to conduct proper testing of their products or conduct  
 14 adequate post-marketing surveillance to discover the risks associated with the use of their drugs  
 15 either singly or in combination;

16 d. promoting use of their products in a vigorous, negligent, and  
 17 fraudulent manner despite their knowledge of their products' dangerousness when used either  
 18 singly or in combination, due to its failure to warn of adverse side effects.

19 84. As a direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the negligence of  
 20 Defendants, and each of them, as hereinbefore set forth Plaintiffs suffered damages compensable  
 21 under the laws of this State.

22 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
 23 **Negligent Misrepresentation**

24 **(Against All Defendants)**

25 85. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
 26 through 84 as though fully set forth here and further alleges as follows:

27 86. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants, and each of them, knew, or  
 28 should have known, that their representations of the safety and efficacy of their products were in

1 fact false and inaccurate. The true and accurate facts, falsely and negligently concealed by  
2 Defendants, were that use of Defendants' products either singly or in combination, created a  
3 serious risk of harm to patients like MAXX WENDELL. Defendants, and each of them, falsely  
4 and negligently represented that their products were safe to prescribe, use, consume and ingest,  
5 and that their product created no serious risk of harm. This falsity and inaccuracy of this  
6 information was, or should have been, known to Defendants and was negligently misrepresented  
7 to and withheld from the medical profession and the foreseeable users of their drug products.

8 87. At all times during which Defendants made the above mentioned  
9 misrepresentations, including but not limited to the representation that Defendants' product was  
10 safe to use, and the negligent concealment of the fact that use of Defendants' product created a  
11 serious risk of harm to patients like MAXX WENDELL, Defendants, and each of them, knew, or  
12 should have known, and had the ability and means to ascertain, that the misrepresentations were  
13 false and inaccurate.

14 88. Plaintiffs had no knowledge or awareness of the falsity of Defendants'  
15 representations and believed Defendants' products to be safe for use in the manner in which they  
16 were used herein.

17 89. Plaintiffs reasonably relied upon Defendants' misrepresentations and were  
18 induced to and did use and agreed to be prescribed and ingest Defendants' products. Plaintiffs  
19 would not have purchased, ingested and consumed Defendants' product if they had known the  
20 true facts concerning the causal nexus between the use of Defendants' product and the  
21 aforementioned permanent injuries suffered by MAXX WENDELL.

22 90. Plaintiffs justifiably and reasonably relied upon Defendants'  
23 misrepresentations as Defendants were in a position of having superior knowledge regarding the  
24 safety and efficacy of their drug products, in that Defendants held themselves out to have  
25 experience and particular expertise in the field of manufacturing, testing, packaging, labeling,  
26 distributing, selling and/or prescribing medications and knew that the medical community needed  
27 and was seeking safe and effective treatments. Plaintiffs' reliance upon Defendants'  
28 misrepresentations was reasonable as Plaintiffs did not, at all times relevant to this action, have

1 the knowledge or expertise necessary to independently evaluate whether or not the medications  
2 prescribed for MAXX WENDELL and the manner in which said medications were being  
3 administered were, in fact, safe.

4 91. As a foreseeable, direct and proximate result of the acts, conduct and  
5 omissions of Defendants and each of them, as hereinbefore set forth, Plaintiffs, agreed to the  
6 prescription and use Defendants' products and thereby suffered injuries compensable under the  
7 laws of this State.

8 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
9 **Negligence**

10 **(Against All Defendants)**

11 92. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
12 through 91 as though fully set forth here and further alleges as follows:

13 93. At all times relevant hereto, the officers and/or directors of the corporate  
14 Defendants, and each of them named herein, participated in, authorized and/or directed the  
15 manufacture, production, packaging, labeling, distribution, promotion, sale or other placement in  
16 the stream of commerce of the aforementioned products when they knew or with the exercise of  
17 reasonably care should have known, of the hazards and dangerous propensities of said products  
18 and thereby actively participated in the tortious conduct which resulted in the injuries sustained  
19 by Plaintiffs as hereinbefore described.

20 94. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, and each of them, had a duty to  
21 exercise reasonable care in the manufacture, production, packaging, labeling, distribution,  
22 promotion, sale or other placement of their products into the stream of commerce, including a  
23 duty to assure that their drugs did not place patients at unreasonable risk of dangerous side  
24 effects, such as the development of cancer and/or that the drugs contained adequate warnings of  
25 the risks of their use. Defendants, and each of them, failed to exercise ordinary care in the  
26 manufacture, production, labeling, packaging, sale, testing, and/or distribution into interstate  
27 commerce of their products, in that Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known  
28 that use of their drugs, either singly or in combination, presented and created a high risk of

1 unreasonable and serious, dangerous side effects, some of which were irreversible and potentially  
2 fatal, such as cancer.

3           95. Defendants, and each of them, negligently and carelessly manufactured,  
4 designed, formulated, compounded, tested, produced, processed, assembled, inspected,  
5 researched, distributed, marketed, labeled, packaged, prepared for use, sold and failed to  
6 adequately test, research and warn any and all persons who prescribed Defendants' product,  
7 including but not limited to, any and all physicians and their patients, of the risks and dangers of  
8 the use of Defendants' products either singly or in combination. This negligence and carelessness  
9 involves, *inter alia*:

10           a. Failure to use due care in manufacturing these pharmaceutical  
11 agents so as to avoid the aforementioned risks to individuals when these agents were being  
12 prescribed, sold, consumed, ingested and used;

13           b. Failure to accompany their products with proper warnings  
14 regarding all possible adverse side effects associated with use, consumption, and ingestion of this  
15 pharmaceutical agents and the comparative severity and duration of such adverse effects; the  
16 warnings given, if any, did not accurately and truthfully reflect the risks of developing or the  
17 symptoms, scope or severity of side effects;

18           c. Failure to conduct adequate and sufficient pre clinical and clinical  
19 testing and/or post-market surveillance to determine the safety and efficacy of their drug products  
20 as used;

21           d. Failure to provide adequate training to medical care providers for  
22 the appropriate use and prescribing of their drugs;

23           e. Failure otherwise to exercise due care under the circumstances or  
24 act as a reasonable product manufacturer and in particular a pharmaceutical manufacturer would  
25 under the circumstances.

26           96. Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known that consumers  
27 and patients such as Plaintiffs herein foreseeably would suffer serious harm and injury as a result  
28 of the failure of Defendants, and each of them, to exercise ordinary care as hereinbefore set forth.



1                   97. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
2                   carelessness, and other wrongdoing or tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
3                   them, Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL sustained permanent and devastating physical injuries, from  
4                   which he ultimately died. These injuries caused extensive pain, suffering and emotional distress  
5                   not only to MAXX WENDELL but his parents who were also caused to expend substantial sums  
6                   of money for medical, hospital, and related care in an unsuccessful effort to cure or alleviate their  
7                   son's disease and suffering. Plaintiffs also sustained general and other damages compensable  
8                   under the laws of this State.

9                   98. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
10                  carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortuous actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
11                  them, as described herein, Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL, was injured in his health, strength, and  
12                  activity and suffered serious injuries to his body and mind, including death. All of said injuries  
13                  caused MAXX WENDELL and his parents intense anxiety, distress, fear, pain, suffering and  
14                  distress secondary to his permanent injury and damages. These injuries have generally damaged  
15                  Plaintiffs in a sum above the court's jurisdictional minimum.

16                  99. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
17                  carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
18                  them, MAXX WENDELL sustained loss of earnings and earning capacity in the future. The  
19                  exact amount is presently unknown to Plaintiffs at this time.

20                  100. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
21                  carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
22                  them, MAXX WENDELL required reasonable and necessary health care, attention and services  
23                  and he and/or his parents, Plaintiffs STEPHEN and LISA WENDELL did incur medical,  
24                  incidental and service expenses thereupon for which they seek recovery.

25                  101. The conduct of Defendants, and each of them, in formulating, licensing,  
26                  manufacturing, assembling, packaging, labeling, warning, marketing, advertising, promotion,  
27                  distribution, and sale of the products, included but is not limited to:  
28



1                   a.       Marketing and aggressively promoting their products for non-  
2 indicated uses in non-indicated fashions and in non-indicated patient groups, either knowing the  
3 high risks posed by such use or failing to know such risks because of their failure to conduct  
4 sufficient pre-clinical or clinical testing or perform adequate post marketing surveillance;

5                   b.       Failing to provide complete truthful, and accurate warnings,  
6 literature, instructions, or training to health care professionals indicating the proper use of their  
7 products either singly or in combination;

8                   c.       Failing to provide and include adequate warnings with their  
9 products being used either singly or in combination that would alert physicians and their patients  
10 of the potential risks and the nature, scope, severity and duration of any serious side effects of  
11 their drugs either when used singly or in combination, particularly, the risk of permanent and  
12 potentially fatal cancers;

13                  d.       Continuing to promote the efficacy of safety of their drugs for use  
14 either singly or individually while providing no warning or inadequate warnings, thus  
15 downplaying the risks, even after Defendants, and each of them, knew of the risks, including  
16 development of cancers;

17                  e.       Delaying warnings of, and then failing to provide adequate,  
18 accurate, and truthful warnings about permanent cancers arising from the use of their drugs, either  
19 singly or in combination, which may have dissuaded medical providers from prescribing the  
20 drugs so freely and depriving medical providers of the ability to understand and measure the true  
21 risks against the benefits of prescribing these medications either singly or in combination in the  
22 manner and for the purposes as herein, was fraudulent, conscious, knowing misconduct, intended  
23 to insure that Defendants, and each of them, continued to enjoy the large profits Defendants,  
24 realized from the sales of their drugs from the manner in and use to which the drugs were put,  
25 which profits Defendants, and each of them, knew would cease if Defendants, and each of them,  
26 warned or otherwise adequately informed doctors and their patients of the dangers of their drugs  
27 when used either singly or in combination in the manner in and use to which the drugs were put.  
28 The conduct of Defendants, and each of them, was undertaken recklessly and with conscious

1 disregard for the safety of consumers such as Plaintiff, MAXX WENDELL, such as to constitute  
2 despicable conduct, oppression, fraud and malice, and such conduct was at all times relevantly  
3 ratified by the corporate Defendants, and each of them, thereby entitling Plaintiffs to punitive  
4 damages in an amount appropriate to punish and make an example of Defendants.

5 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
6 **Negligence Per Se**

7 **(Against All Defendants)**

8 102. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
9 through 101 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

10 103. Defendants, and each of them, have an obligation to not violate the law in  
11 their acts and conduct.

12 104. Defendants, and each of them, have violated the California Consumer  
13 Protection Statutes and all related and other laws, statutes, and regulations applicable to  
14 Defendants' wrongful conduct.

15 105. Plaintiffs as patients and/or purchasers and/or consumers of the drugs at  
16 issue herein are within the class of persons the statutes described above are designed to protect.  
17 Injury suffered as a result of and due to false advertising, misbranding, misleading labeling or  
18 warnings, and promotion of unsafe products is the type of harm the above-cited statutes are  
19 designed to prevent.

20 106. Defendants, and each of them, are directly responsible to Plaintiffs for  
21 Defendants' violations of the statutes described above under the doctrine of negligence *per se*.

22 107. As a direct and legal result of the violations of the statutes described above,  
23 Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL, suffered suffer serious injury and harm, ultimately resulting in his  
24 death, and Plaintiffs have otherwise suffered economic loss, as alleged in this complaint and  
25 otherwise sustained damages compensable under the laws of this State.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**Strict Liability In Tort—Failure To Warn**  
**(Against All Defendants)**

108. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1 through 107 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

109. Defendants, and each of them, are the designers, manufacturers, testers, researchers, developers, compounders, packagers, labelers, distributors, suppliers and/or sellers of the pharmaceutical drug products hereinbefore set forth and/or were otherwise responsible for placing those drugs into the stream of commerce.

110. The drugs designed, manufactured, tested, researched, developed, compounded, packaged, labeled, distributed, supplied and/or sold by Defendants, and each of them, were and are unaccompanied by proper and adequate warnings regarding their risks, including possible cancers, among others, associated with the use of their drugs either singly or in combination and the comparative severity and duration of the injuries which could result from such risks; the warnings given did not accurately, truthfully, or adequately reflect the risks or the symptoms, scope, and severity of the injuries which could result from such risks.

111. Defendants, and each of them, failed to perform adequate pre-market or post-market testing of their drugs and their use by patients in the manner and for the purposes they were used herein which testing would have shown that the use of these drugs either singly or in combination posed significant risks, including but not limited to, development of serious and potentially fatal cancers. Defendants, and each of them, also failed to conduct proper post-market surveillance to determine the manner in and purposes for which their drugs were being used and the risks of such use. Defendants, and each of them, upon placing their products into the stream of commerce, had a duty to fully understand the risks posed by their drug products and to fully and properly warn of the risks posed by their drugs, which warnings were required to accurately and fully warn of the symptoms, scope, and severity of the risk and potential injuries associated with the use of their drugs either singly or in combination.

1           112. Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known their products  
2 used, either singly or in combination, were and are dangerously defective products which pose  
3 unacceptable risks unknown and unknowable by the consuming public, including Plaintiffs.

4           113. Defendants, and each of them, not only failed to adequately warn the  
5 foreseeable users of their products but also failed to adequately warn any and all persons who  
6 prescribed Defendants' products, including but not limited to, any and all physicians, of the risks  
7 posed by that the use of their drugs, either singly or in combination.

8           114. The drug products manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants, and each  
9 them, were defective due to false and inadequate warnings because, after the manufacturers knew  
10 or should have known of risks, from their use either singly or in combination, they failed to  
11 provide adequate warnings to prescribers of the product or patients and continued to aggressively  
12 market, promote, distribute, and sell these dangerously defective products.

13           115. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
14 carelessness, and other wrongdoing or tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
15 them, Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL sustained permanent and devastating physical injuries, from  
16 which he ultimately died. These injuries caused extensive pain, suffering and emotional distress  
17 not only to MAXX WENDELL but his parents who were also caused to expend substantial sums  
18 of money for medical, hospital, and related care in an unsuccessful effort to cure or alleviate their  
19 son's disease and suffering. Plaintiffs also sustained general and other damages compensable  
20 under the laws of this State.

21           116. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
22 carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortuous actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
23 them, as described herein, Plaintiff MAXX WENDELL, was injured in his health, strength, and  
24 activity and suffered serious injuries to his body and mind, including death. All of said injuries  
25 caused MAXX WENDELL and his parents intense anxiety, distress, fear, pain, suffering and  
26 distress secondary to his permanent injury and damages. These injuries have generally damaged  
27 Plaintiffs in a sum above the court's jurisdictional minimum.  
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1           117. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
2 carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
3 them, MAXX WENDELL sustained loss of earnings and earning capacity in the future. The  
4 exact amount is presently unknown to Plaintiffs at this time.

5           118. As a foreseeable, direct, proximate and legal result of the negligence,  
6 carelessness and other wrongdoing and tortious actions or inactions of Defendants, and each of  
7 them, MAXX WENDELL required reasonable and necessary health care, attention and services  
8 and he and/or his parents, Plaintiffs STEPHEN and LISA WENDELL did incur medical,  
9 incidental and service expenses thereupon for which they seek recovery.

10                                   **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
11                                   **Breach Of Express Warranty**

12                                   **(Against All Defendants)**

13           119. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
14 through 118 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

15           120. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants, and each of them, expressly  
16 warranted by way of written literature, including, but not limited to product labeling, patient  
17 package inserts, articles in medical journals, advertising or other documents and/or promotional  
18 materials directed to Plaintiffs' physicians and/or Plaintiffs, by and through statements made by  
19 Defendants, and each of them, or their authorized agents or sales representative, orally and/or in  
20 publications package insert, or other written materials intended for physicians and/or their  
21 patients, that the aforementioned products were safe, effective, fit and proper for their intended  
22 use, through the course of that use by MAXX WENDELL and/or others similarly situated and/or  
23 the general public to whom it was prescribed, supplied or dispensed.

24           121. Plaintiffs were prescribed and/or purchased and/or consumed and/or  
25 otherwise ingested the Defendants' drug products. In so doing, Plaintiffs relied upon the skill,  
26 judgment, representation and the foregoing express written warranties of the Defendants and each  
27 of them. Said warranties and representations were false, misleading and inaccurate in that the  
28 aforementioned products were not safe and were unfit for the uses for which they were intended

1 or put with the knowledge and/or encouragement and/or approval of Defendants and each of  
2 them.

3 122. As a result of the breaches of express warranties by the Defendants, and  
4 each of them, as hereinbefore set forth, Plaintiffs, after purchasing and/or consuming and/or  
5 ingesting Defendants' subject drugs, suffered injuries and damages compensable under the laws  
6 of this State as set forth herein.

7 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
8 **Breach Of Implied Warranty**

9 **(Against All Defendants)**

10 123. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
11 through 122 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

12 124. Prior to the time that the aforementioned products were used by Plaintiff,  
13 MAXX WENDELL, Defendants, and each of them, impliedly warranted to Plaintiffs and/or  
14 Plaintiff's physicians that said products were of merchantable quality and safe and fit for the use  
15 for which they were intended or other known or foreseeable uses.

16 125. Plaintiffs were and are unskilled in the research, design, and manufacture  
17 of the aforementioned products and reasonably relied entirely on the skill, judgment and implied  
18 warranties of the Defendants, and each of them, in being prescribed, purchasing, consuming and  
19 ingesting the aforementioned products.

20 126. The aforementioned products were neither safe for their intended, known  
21 or foreseeable uses nor of merchantable quality, as warranted by Defendants, and each of them, in  
22 that they had the potential for permanent injuries when put to their intended, known or  
23 foreseeable uses and would cause such injuries to the foreseeable users of their products.

24 127. As a result of the aforementioned breaches of the implied warranties by the  
25 Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiffs, after being prescribed and/or after purchasing and/or  
26 consuming and/or ingesting defendant's products suffered injuries and damages compensable  
27 under the laws of this State as alleged herein.

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**NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
**Violation Of Business And Professions Code Section 17200, *Et Seq.***  
**(Against All Defendants)**

128. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1 through 127 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

129. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action pursuant to California Business & Professions Code Section 17200, *et seq.*, for themselves, and not on behalf of the general public.

130. California Business & Professions Code Section 17200 provides that unfair competition shall mean and include "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising . . . ."

131. At all times herein, Defendants, and each of them, engaged in a pattern of practice of advertising and marketing of their drug products as safe and effective medications, even though Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known that the foreseeable use of the products either singly or in combination could cause serious adverse health effects. The acts and practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described in this complaint constitute unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts or practices and were and are likely to mislead the Plaintiffs and, therefore, constitute unfair business practices within the meaning of Business & Professions Code Sections 17200, *et. seq.* The conduct of Defendants, and each of them, involving untrue and misleading advertising as set forth in this complaint are incorporated by reference into this cause of action and constitute violations of Business & Professions Code Sections 17200, *et seq.* This conduct includes, but is not limited to:

a. Representing to Plaintiffs, and the general public, that said products and their use were safe, fit, and effective for human consumption, knowing that said representations were false, and concealing from Plaintiffs, and the general public, that said products had a serious propensity to cause injuries to foreseeable users;

b. Purposely and affirmatively downplaying and understating the health hazards and risks known by Defendants, and each of them, to be associated with the foreseeable uses of their drugs either singly or in combination;



1                   c.       Issuing promotional literature which deceived potential users of  
2 their drug products by relaying positive information regarding the medication and manipulating  
3 information to indicate widespread acceptance of the products and medications among patients  
4 like MAXX WENDELL, while downplaying the adverse, serious and permanent health effects  
5 known or knowable by Defendants, and each of them, and concealing material relevant  
6 information regarding the safety and efficacy of the products when put to their intended or  
7 foreseeable uses.

8                   132.   These practices by Defendants, and each of them, constitute unlawful,  
9 unfair and fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of California Business &  
10 Professions Code Sections 17200, *et seq.*, as well as unfair, deceptive, untrue, and misleading  
11 advertising also prohibited by California Business & Professions Code Sections 17200, *et seq.*

12                   133.   The unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices of Defendants, and  
13 each of them, as described herein present a potential continuing threat to members of the public to  
14 the extent that Defendants continue to engage in the conduct described herein.

15                   134.   As a result of their conduct described above, Defendants, and each of them,  
16 have been and will continue to be unjustly enriched. Specifically, Defendants, and each of them,  
17 have been unjustly enriched by receipt of ill gotten gains from the prescription and sale said  
18 products in California and throughout the United States, which sales occurred primarily as a result  
19 of the acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, as described herein.

20                   135.   Because of the fraudulent misrepresentations made by Defendants, and  
21 each of them, as detailed above, and the inherently unfair practice of committing a fraud against  
22 the public by intentionally misrepresenting and concealing material information concerning the  
23 safety and efficacy of prescription medications, the acts of Defendants, and each of them,  
24 described herein constitute unfair or fraudulent business acts or practices.

25                   136.   Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code section 17203,  
26 Plaintiffs seek an Order from this court to provide restitution and to disgorge the monies collected  
27 and profits realized by Defendants, and each of them, as a result of their unfair business acts and  
28



1 practices and injunctive relief calling for Defendants, and each of them to immediately and  
2 forever cease such unfair business practices.

3 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
4 **Wrongful Death**

5 **(Against All Defendants)**

6 137. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby re-allege paragraphs 1  
7 through 136 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

8 138. As a foreseeable, direct and proximate result of the negligent, tortious or  
9 otherwise wrongful conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as hereinbefore set forth, plaintiff  
10 MAXX WENDELL developed an aggressive and deadly form of cancer to which he ultimately  
11 succumbed.

12 139. The death of plaintiff MAXX WENDELL was a foreseeable, direct and  
13 proximate result of the negligent, tortuous or otherwise wrongful conduct of Defendants, and each  
14 of them, as hereinbefore set forth.

15 **PUNITIVE DAMAGES ALLEGATIONS**

16 **(Against All Defendants)**

17 140. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and hereby reallege paragraphs 1  
18 through 139 as though fully set forth here and further allege as follows:

19 141. The acts, conduct, and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, were  
20 willful and malicious and were done with a conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiffs and  
21 other foreseeable users of the pharmaceutical agents mentioned herein, and for the primary  
22 purpose of increasing Defendants' and each of their, profits from the sale and distribution of their  
23 drug products. The outrageous and unconscionable conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as  
24 set forth herein, warrants an award of exemplary and punitive damages against Defendants, and  
25 each of them, in an amount appropriate to punish and make an example of each defendant.

26 142. Prior to the manufacturing, sale and distribution of the aforesaid  
27 pharmaceutical drug products Defendants, and each of them, knew that said pharmaceutical drug  
28 products were in a defective condition as previously described herein and knew that those who

1 were prescribed and the foreseeable users who took them would experience and did experience  
2 severe and permanent physical, mental, and emotional and economic injuries. Further,  
3 Defendants, and each of them, through their officers, directors, managers and agents, had  
4 knowledge that their drugs used either singly or in combination in a foreseeable manner,  
5 presented a substantial and unreasonable risk of harm to the public, including Plaintiffs and as  
6 such, said purchasers and/or consumers of said drugs were unreasonably subjected to risk of  
7 permanent injury from the consumption of said drugs.

8 143. Despite such knowledge, Defendants, and each of them, acting through  
9 their officers, directors and managing agents for the purpose of enhancing their profits, knowingly  
10 and deliberately failed to remedy the known defects in said drugs and failed to warn any and all  
11 persons who prescribed, purchased or consumed Defendants' products, including but not limited  
12 to, any and all physicians and foreseeable users of the products, of the extreme and permanent  
13 risks associated with the foreseeable uses of their drugs and their defective nature. Said  
14 Defendants, and each of them, as well as their individual agents, officers, and directors  
15 intentionally proceeded with the manufacturing, packaging, labeling, distribution, marketing and  
16 sale of said drugs knowing that foreseeable users would be exposed to serious potential danger in  
17 order to advance Defendants' and each of their, own pecuniary interest and monetary profits. The  
18 conduct of Defendants, and each of them, was despicable, and so contemptuous that it would be  
19 looked down upon and despised by ordinary decent people, and carried on by Defendants, and  
20 each of them, with willful and conscious disregard for the safety of Plaintiffs entitling Plaintiffs to  
21 exemplary damages under Civil Code Section 3294.

22 **PRAYER FOR DAMAGES**

23 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs STEPHEN WENDELL, for himself and as personal  
24 representative of the ESTATE OF MAXX WENDELL, deceased, and LISA WENDELL, for  
25 herself, pray for relief on the entire complaint, as follows:

26 A. Judgment be entered against all Defendants on all causes of action of this  
27 Complaint;  
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1 B. Plaintiffs be awarded their full, fair and complete recovery for all claims  
2 and causes of action alleged herein;

3 C. Plaintiffs be awarded all appropriate costs, attorneys' fees, expenses, and  
4 pre judgment and post judgment interest, as authorized by law on the judgments which are  
5 entered in Plaintiffs behalf; and,

6 D. Such other relief the court deems as just and appropriate.

7 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs STEPHEN WENDELL, for himself and as personal  
8 representative of the ESTATE OF MAXX WENDELL, deceased, and LISA WENDELL, for  
9 herself pray for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

10 **AS TO THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FRAUD AND DECEIT**

- 11 1. General damages according to proof at the time of trial;
- 12 2. Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
13 proof at the time of trial;
- 14 3. Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
15 time of trial;
- 16 4. For medical monitoring according to proof;
- 17 5. For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
18 State of California;
- 19 6. Costs of suit incurred herein; and
- 20 7. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

21 **AS TO THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
22 **FOR NEGLIGENCE, RECKLESSNESS & GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

- 23 1. General damages according to proof at the time of trial;
- 24 2. Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
25 proof at the time of trial;
- 26 3. Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
27 time of trial;
- 28 4. For medical monitoring according to proof;

1                   5.     For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
2 State of California;

3                   6.     Costs of suit incurred herein; and

4                   7.     For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

5                   **AS TO THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
6                   **FOR NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

7                   1.     General damages according to proof at the time of trial;

8                   2.     Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
9 proof at the time of trial;

10                  3.     Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
11 time of trial;

12                  4.     For medical monitoring according to proof;

13                  5.     For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
14 State of California;

15                  6.     Costs of suit incurred herein; and

16                  7.     For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

17                  **AS TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE**

18                  1.     General damages according to proof at the time of trial;

19                  2.     Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
20 proof at the time of trial;

21                  3.     Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
22 time of trial;

23                  4.     For medical monitoring according to proof;

24                  5.     For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
25 State of California;

26                  6.     Costs of suit incurred herein; and

27                  7.     For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

**AS TO THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR NEGLIGENCE PER SE**

1. General damages according to proof at the time of trial;
2. Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to proof at the time of trial;
3. Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the time of trial;
4. For medical monitoring according to proof;
5. For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the State of California;
6. Costs of suit incurred herein; and
7. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

**AS TO THE SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR  
STRICT PRODUCT LIABILITY IN TORT (Failure To Warn)**

1. General damages according to proof at the time of trial;
2. Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to proof at the time of trial;
3. Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the time of trial;
4. For medical monitoring according to proof;
5. For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the State of California;
6. Punitive damages;
7. Costs of suit incurred herein; and
8. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

**AS TO THE SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION  
FOR BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

1. General damages according to proof at the time of trial;

1                   2.       Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
2 proof at the time of trial;

3                   3.       Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
4 time of trial;

5                   4.       For medical monitoring according to proof;

6                   5.       For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
7 State of California;

8                   6.       Costs of suit incurred herein; and

9                   7.       For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

10                   **AS TO THE EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
11                   **FOR BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

12                   1.       General damages according to proof at the time of trial;

13                   2.       Medical and other special damages, past present and future, according to  
14 proof at the time of trial;

15                   3.       Loss of earnings and loss of earnings capacity, according to proof at the  
16 time of trial;

17                   4.       For medical monitoring according to proof;

18                   5.       For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the  
19 State of California;

20                   6.       Costs of suit incurred herein; and

21                   7.       For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

22                   **AS FOR THE NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR**  
23                   **VIOLATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200 ET SEQ.**

24                   1.       For injunctive relief, forever enjoining Defendants from the acts of unfair  
25 competition and untrue and misleading business practices, and ordering Defendants to pay  
26 restitution to Plaintiffs, all funds acquired by means of any act or practice declared by this court  
27 to be in violation of Business and Professions Code Section 17500, *et seq.*, unlawful or  
28 fraudulent, or to constitute unfair competition or untrue or misleading advertising;

2.       For disgorgement of Defendants' profits;

3. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper;
5. For attorneys costs and fees, according to proof.

**AS TO THE TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION FOR WRONGFUL DEATH**

1. Wrongful death damages pursuant to the Wrongful Death Act and according to proof at the time of trial;
2. For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as followed by the laws of the State of California;
3. Costs of suit incurred herein; and
4. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

The Plaintiffs STEPHEN WENDELL and LISA WENDELL, for themselves and as successors in interest to MAX WENDELL, deceased, demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable in this civil action.

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